THE PRESS D PENDED.

One Clergyman Handles Another's Cristelem of the Newspayer.

Rev. Edwards Davis took for his subject last night, at Hamilton Hair, "The Theosophic Thought of the Christian Croed," but before he began on his sermon he made some caustic allusions to the recent speech of Rev. Arthur Crosby, delivered at San Jose, and in which Mr. Crosby roasted the modern press to a finish.

Mr. Davis said: "Before engaging in the discussion of the theme announced that I take occasion to use the organ of my speech to introduce as an incidental feature of the service a polemic voluntary. My improvisation is dedicated to my fellow laborer, the Rev. Arthur Crosby, whose recent remarks concerning the obnoxiousness of the press has not affected journalism half as much as it has reflected on religion. A prelude, I appreciate, in the words of Lowell. should be, "First, guessed by faint suroral flashes" Impersonally, then, there is a mote in the clerical eye. The fact that the newspaper is odoriferous with carbonic fum-s of social rottenness is not nearly so appalling as that the gangrenous condition exists in our body politic. Since sins exist in our social system, is it better that they be ignored, and, lulled with dulcet luilabies, be led into delusive realm?

"When there is corruption cut it out. The clergy has succeeded in painting pictures of the heavenly sphere; the press is succeeding in publishing the facts in the case. Earth is a hell that purges man to make him fit for heaven. The must perfect purity comes not from innocency, but from forgiveness, and the knowledge of good not from an ignorance of sin. A saint may enjoy a sinner's suffer-ing because of an insight into the inviolate obedience to infinite

"Through 400 years the stamp of the printing press has made its impression, good or bid, but always better than none. More definitely our brother maintains that he would rather have the sewer gas escape into his house than to admit some of our most popular daily papers. The malaria would not be so deadly. But why not bung the hole? To boycott the most popular dailies because of their realistic records of truth would with the same illogical indiscrimination exclude the writings of Whitman, Byron, Shakespeare, Tolstoi, Hawtnorne and Hugo. There are bassages of holy writ that need be read but once in a litetime to learn their fearful lesson.

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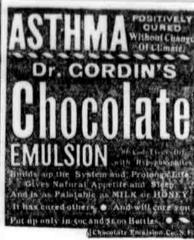
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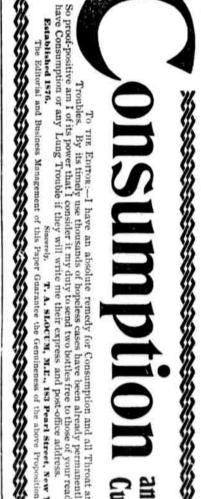
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